CHAPTER 247

GOVERNMENT - STATE

HOUSE BILL 17-1209

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Melton and Carver; also SENATOR(S) Cooke and Fields, Court, Crowder, Martinez Humenik, Tate, Todd.

AN ACT

CONCERNING PEACE OFFICER DESIGNATION FOR THE MANAGER OF THE OFFICE OF PREVENTION AND SECURITY WITHIN THE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 16-2.5-112.5 as follows:

16-2.5-112.5. Manager of the office of prevention and security within the division of homeland security and emergency management. The Manager of the office of prevention and security within the division of homeland security and emergency management in the department of public safety is a peace officer whose authority includes the enforcement of all laws of the state of Colorado and who may be certified by the P.O.S.T. Board.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1606, **amend** (1) as follows:

- **24-33.5-1606.** Office of prevention and security creation duties. (1) (a) There is hereby created within the division an office of prevention and security, the head of which is the manager of the office of prevention and security. The director shall appoint the manager of the office of prevention and security pursuant to section 13 of article XII of the state constitution.
- (b) The manager of the office of prevention and security is hereby designated to be a peace officer and has jurisdiction to act as such in the performance of his or her duties anywhere within the state and is entitled to all protections, defenses, and immunities provided by statute to safeguard a peace officer in the performance of official acts.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 25, 2017